IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

-- **ABSTRACT**

A method and communication system, are discussed, ~~comprising:~~including a plurality of communication nodes connected by a data link, and ~~;~~a communication controller configured to allocate ~~for allocating~~ link-level addresses to the communication nodes. The communication ~~whereby the~~ nodes may be identified for communications over the data link.~~; the~~ The communication controller ~~being arranged~~ is further configured to change from time to time the link-level addresses allocated to each communication node and to transmit the newly allocated link-level address to ~~the~~ a respective communication node in an encrypted form. --

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